



IIE Emergency Student Fund for Thai Undergraduates on U.S. Campuses

Grants of up to \$5,000 will help Thai undergraduates in the U.S. to continue their studies

The Institute of International Education (IIE), with support from the Freeman Foundation, has created an emergency small-grants program to help students from Thailand on U.S. campuses whose home country financial support has been devastated by the recent, extended, record-level flooding across Thailand. This effort is part of IIE's Emergency Student Fund (ESF), which provides emergency assistance to international students facing crises that impact their ability to complete their education.

Thai-ESF (Emergency Student Fund) will provide grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to Thai students currently enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities who may be unable to continue or complete their degree program in the U.S. due to serious financial difficulties precipitated by the floods in their home country. Accredited United States campuses are invited to nominate students at their institutions for whom help is needed to complete the current semester or for spring semester 2012.

International Student Advisers or other campus officials are invited to nominate eligible students to IIE; Thai students cannot apply directly to IIE.

Applications can be downloaded from IIE's website beginning November 30th and must be emailed to ESFThailand2011@iie.org by the nominating campus official by December 19, 2011.

Eligibility

To be considered for Thai-ESF awards, nominated students must:

- Demonstrate to campus officials that their financial ability to continue their U.S. studies has been seriously disrupted by the flooding in Thailand
- Be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited U.S. higher education institution as of November 1, 2011 (priority will be given to undergraduates, although applications can also be submitted for graduate students and non-degree students in dire need)
- Be in good academic standing, as defined by the host campus
- Have the appropriate non-immigration visa status (U.S. citizens and permanent residents are ineligible to apply.)

U.S. host campuses nominating students for Thai-ESF awards are expected to provide emergency assistance to the nominated students as well, through tuition waivers, full or partial scholarships, housing, stipends, loans, work study, or other forms of support.

Application Instructions

Accredited United States campuses are invited to nominate students at their institutions for whom help is needed immediately and for the spring semester 2012. The application form will be available on IIE's website (www.iie.org) starting November 30th. Nominators must complete a separate nomination form for each student and email the form to ESFThailand2011@iie.org. If nominating several students, the nominator should rank the applicants based on financial need.

The first round of grant nominations must be submitted to IIE by the close of business on December 19, 2011. Awards will be announced in early January. If funding permits and ongoing need is expressed, IIE may announce a 2nd call for nominations in February 2012.